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1. REFTEL A CONTAINED GUIDANCE FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH NAGY ON CSCE AND INCLUDED DETAILED COMMENTS FOR RESPONDING TO THE HUNGARIAN IDEA OF A BILATERAL CSCE AGREEMENT AND TO SECTION A OF THE HUNGARIAN CSCE PROPOSALS. TRANSMITTED HEREIN ARE OUR COMMENTS ON THE REMAINING HUNGARIAN CSCE PROPOSALS. GIVEN YOUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL B, CHARGE IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS ENTIRE RANGE OF CSCE-
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RELATED ITEMS AT NEXT MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY.

2. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL B-1. WE AGREE THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. GIVEN PRESENT US LEGISLATION (THE TRADE ACT OF 1974), WE ARE NOT ABLE TO WITHDRAW OUR RESERVA-

TION TO GATT. MFN HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOH AND OUR ATTITUDE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE HUNGARIANS. WE WISH TO DEFER YOUR RAISING MFN WITH THE GOH PENDING FURTHER REVIEW OF THIS ITEM HERE.

3. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL B-2. AGREE

4. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL B-3. AGREE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE EXAMINATION OF TRADE PROMOTION POSSIBILITIES AND THE CREATION OF A LONG-TERM PROGRAM WOULD BE BEST UNDERTAKEN BY THE HUNGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONCURS.

5. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL B-4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US NEGOTIATORS WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING A NEW DRAFT DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT TO THE HUNGARIAN SIDE. TRANSMISSION HAD BEEN DELAYED PENDING RECEIPT OF HUNGARIAN COMMENTS ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT. ACCORDING TO BUDAPEST 309, HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS RECENTLY SENT REQUESTED COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO TREASURY.

6. HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS B-5. WE WILL ASK INTERESTED USG AGENCIES WHETHER THEY WISH TO PURSUE. YOU SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RAISING THIS WITH HUNGARIANS.

7. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL B-6 COVERED IN PARA 3A, REF A.

8. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-1. THE USG HAS NOT SEEN THE NEED TO BE A PARTY TO ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TOURISM,
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ALTHOUGH BOTH THE US AND HUNGARY HAVE ACCEDED TO THE STATUTES OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO). RECENTLY THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY INFORMED US OF THE GOH'S INTENTION TO OPEN OFFICES OF IBUSZ AND THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL OFFICE OF TOURISM IN NEW YORK. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT. (A COPY OF THE HUNGARIAN NOTE AND OUR RESPONSE -- POUCHED SEPARATELY.)

9. HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS C-2 AND C-3. EXISTING U.S. LAW REQUIRES ALL ALIEN VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES TO OBTAIN VALID US VISAS FROM CONSULAR OFFICERS ABROAD BEFORE APPLYING FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE, NEVERTHELESS, RECENTLY PROPOSED TO THE GOH THE EXTENSION OF MORE FAVORABLE VISA TERMS TO DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. (SEE ALSO US SUGGESTION C-2). WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY BUDAPEST IN MOST CASES RESPONDS TO TOURIST VISA APPLICATIONS WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS. APPLICATIONS MADE BY HUNGARIAN TOURISTS AT OTHER VISA-ISSUING POSTS GENERALLY ENTAIL A NAME CHECK TO BUDAPEST AND ARE

THUS DELAYED. BOTH SIDES DO RECEIVE A FEW TOURIST VISA APPLICATIONS WHICH MUST BE REFERRED BACK TO MFA AND THE DEPARTMENT; THESE REQUIRE MORE TIME.

10. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-4. COVERED IN PARA 3-C, REF A.

11. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-5. WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO REPLY TO THE VISA APPLICATIONS OF JOURNALISTS, TV AND RADIO REPORTERS WITHIN 3 DAYS. THIS SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM SINCE "I" VISA APPLICATIONS DO NOT REQUIRE WASHINGTON APPROVAL. WE CAN GRANT MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR PERMANENT CORRESPONDENTS FOR SIX MONTHS ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. WE WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THE ABOLITION OF VISA FEES FOR JOURNALISTS AND OTHER REPORTERS, BOTH PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED AND TEMPORARY. CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT ON ACCREDITATION OF CORRESPONDENTS AND FACILITATION OF RADIO REPORTERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCREDITATION AND FACILITATIVE FUNCTIONS OF MFA'S PRESS DEPARTMENT, SINCE OUR TWO SYSTEMS ARE NOT REALLY COMPARABLE.

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12. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-6. GIVEN THE DIVISION OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE US AMONG THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THIS PROPOSAL IS IMPRACTICAL FOR US. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS HOW WE MIGHT ENCOURAGE AND EXPAND YOUTH EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

13. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-7. SUCH A DECLARATION IS ALREADY IMPLICIT IN ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT SHOULD RECEIVE SUITABLE PUBLICITY

UPON SIGNING. WE DO NOT WISH TO UNDERTAKE THE OBLIGATION OF INFORMING ARTISTS' MANAGEMENT AGENCIES IN WRITING.

14. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-8. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. WE DO NOT WISH A SEPARATE AGREEMENT OF FILMS NOR DO WE WANT THE USG TO BE OBLIGATED TO EXCHANGE FILM LISTS. THIS MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE EXPLORED BETWEEN HUNGARIAN AND US FILM INSTITUTES AND ARCHIVES. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EXCHANGES OF FILM SPECIALISTS WITHIN THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT FRAMEWORK.

15. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-9. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE QUESTION OF TRANSLATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. WE DO NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF WORK FOR TRANSLATION NOR

DO WE WANT TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO AN INTER-THEATER AGREEMENT. HERE AGAIN WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS IN TRANSLATION, THEATER, PUBLISHING, ETC.

16. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-10. WHILE THE SUBJECT OF TEXT-CONFIDENTIAL

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BOOKS MIGHT BE PURSUED THROUGH SEMINARS OR EXCHANGES UNDER THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, WE CANNOT ACCEPT SETTING UP A JOINT COMMISSION OF EXPERTS. OUR CONCERNS ON THIS AND ON THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF COORDINATION OF TEXTBOOKS WERE EXPRESSED TO THE GOH DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

17. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-11. WE AGREE THIS CAN BE DONE UNDER THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

18. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-12. THIS DOES NOT SUGGEST A GOVERNMENT ROLE AND THE USG HAS NO AUTHORITY IN THIS FIELD. HUNGARIAN PUBLISHERS MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THIS DIRECTLY WITH US COUNTERPARTS.

19. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-13. WE SEE NO NEED FOR SPECIFIC

AGREEMENT GIVEN ARTICLE IN SECTION 2 OF THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. SOMETHING ALONG THIS LINE MIGHT BE EXPLORED DIRECTLY ON A LIBRARY-TO-LIBRARY BASIS.

20. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-14. WE WILL ASK HEW WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY INTEREST. YOU SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RAISING THIS WITH HUNGARIANS.

21. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL C-15. WE HAVE REFERRED TO THIS AREA OF CONCERN IN THE EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE A SUITABLE SUBJECT FOR AN EXCHANGE. WE CANNOT AGREE TO AN OFFICIAL COMMISSION. FYI: SOME AMERICAN SCHOLARS OF HUNGARIAN DESCENT ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF US AND HUNGARIAN DEGREES. CU WILL ADVISE EMBASSY IF IT SEES A ROLE FOR THIS RESEARCH IN OUR OFFICIAL EXCHANGES WITH HUNGARY. END FYI.

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